

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 222

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Erika Stevens upon her receipt of the Jacqueline Elliott Award from the Tennessee World Language Teacher Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as educational leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Dr. Erika Stevens, recipient of the Jacqueline Elliott Award from the Tennessee World Language Teacher Association, one of the highest honors given by the organization; and

WHEREAS, named after its first recipient, the Jacqueline Elliott Award honors post-secondary foreign language teachers for their devoted and exceptional service in foreign language education; and

WHEREAS, an associate professor of Spanish and lead faculty for foreign languages, Dr. Stevens joined the faculty of Walters State Community College in 2010; and

WHEREAS, recently, she initiated the launch of a Spanish certificate at the college, the only foreign language certificate offered by a community college in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Erika Stevens epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to pause in our deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Stevens for her dedication to education and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Dr. Erika Stevens upon her receipt of the

Jacqueline Elliott Award from the Tennessee World Language Teacher Association, extending our best wishes for her continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.